

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS-AP) – Convergence of Horticulture Department programmes and NREGS - Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (RD-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 386

Date:11.12.2009.

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.27 PR & RD (RD-II) Department,dt.28-1-2006
2. Proposal vide Lr. No.SHM/AAP/502/2009dt.28-8-2009 of the Director of Horticulture Department, AP, Hyderabad.
3. Proposal vide Lr. Rc. No.8139/2009-Horti, dt.3-10-2009 of the Commissioner, Rural Development Department, AP, Hyderabad.

ORDER:

National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) under the provision of NREG Act-2005 envisages creation of durable assets and strengthening the livelihood resource base of the rural poor. Category 4 works under schedule 1 of the Act provides an opportunity for saturation of the treatment of lands of the SC/ST farmers and later take small and marginal farmers from the BPL families for development of the lands, horticulture plantations and irrigation facilities. Government have initiated Horticulture Plantations in poor people's land from 2007-08 under NREGS in convergence with National Horticulture Mission and AP Micro Irrigation Project.

2. The Director of Horticulture, Hyderabad vide ref. 2nd cited above, has submitted proposals for convergence of additional programmes with NREGS. The details of the proposals are as follows.

	Component	No. of Units/ Acres	Required amount (in crores)
A	NHM		
1	Horticulture expansion programme under NREGS + SHM during 2009-10 for SC/ST	6950 Ha	2.38
2	Additional area expansion for Mango and Sweet Orange under NREGS during 2009-10 (as a part of 1 st year assistance)	3200 Ha	3.58
3	<u>Vermi compost</u> Horticulture growers @ Rs. 30,000 per acre- NREG Share - 50%	500	0.75
	For Organic farming farmers @ Rs.30,000 for big units and Rs.15,000 for small units (NREGS-100%)	4926 4925	14.77 7.39
	Spl. Project on vegetables @ Rs.30,000 for big units and Rs. 15,000 for small units	6100 6108	18.30 9.16
B.	APMIP		
4	Establishment of micro irrigation units(30% cost of the equipment) and trenching cost during 2009-10	87,743 Ha	116.44
C	Oil Palm Plantations		
5	Cost towards cultivation of oil palm plantation in (8) districts during 2009-10.	15000 Ha	53.33
	Total (A+B+C)		226.10

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3. Commissioner Rural Development vide reference 3rd cited above has submitted the proposals for convergence of Horticulture Department schemes with NREGS and requested for issue of Government orders based on the proposals submitted by the Director Horticulture. After examining the proposals in detail, Government approves the proposed convergence subject to the following:

- a) Lands for the convergence project shall be identified only from the Project Mode Planning (PMP) blocks treated under NREG.
- b) The lands of SCs/STs shall be saturated before taking up the programme on other lands.
- c) Every acre selected for horticulture coverage shall be provided with an irrigation source, access to vermin-compost.
- d) Every acre identified under this project shall have micro-irrigation component.
- e) The non-pesticide management techniques being propagated by SERP under Community Based Sustainable Agriculture (CBSA) shall be followed to produce organic products from horticulture plantations.

Implementation arrangements

4. Identification of the areas: The lands for the programme shall be identified only from among the PMP blocks treated under NREG in the past 2 years or currently under treatment. The list of these blocks shall be furnished to the horticulture department and a joint survey of the blocks shall be done by horticulture and NREG staff to shortlist blocks for plantation following the guidelines laid down below:

- a. PMP blocks (each block not less than 10 acres) which are fully consisting of **assigned lands for SCs/STs** shall be covered first.
- b. After fully covering these blocks, blocks which are consisting of **private lands of SCs/STs** can be covered.
- c. After **fully exhausting these two priorities**, if further target is left, the PMP blocks which are having small & marginal farmers can be identified.

5. After completion of identification, following action shall be taken expeditiously:

- a) The joint team shall submit proposals to APOs in the prescribed data input sheet along with job card numbers for generation of estimates and sanctions.
- b) APOs shall take the approvals as per the NREGS and obtain administrative sanctions from District Collector
- c) They shall issue work commencement letters and concerned TAs shall record in MBs after work is executed
- d) Technical sanctions shall be accorded by the concerned Horticulture officials
- e) Farmers shall be given 3 days training in 3 spells to educate about various aspects of the horticulture and the organic cultivation & pest management - before April 2010.
- f) Horticulture department shall put in place a functioning extension net work in the villages taken up.

6. Project implementation: The project shall be implemented in such a way that plantation is done soon after the first rains in the monsoon. The survival percentage under no circumstance can be less than 80%. The following shall be followed in execution:

- a) All the pro-project activities shall be completed well before the onset of monsoon.
- b) The concerned Horticulture Officer shall be responsible for timely plantation and survival percentage of the plantation.

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- c) Concerned horticulture officer/ APMIP official as designated by the Horticulture department shall, on completion of work, record measurement in M-Book, take photograph of the asset created along with the farmer and enclose a certificate for making payment to the farmers accounts.
- d) Horticulture department shall ensure that farmers' participation is ensured at each stage of the work.
- e) For oil palm plantations procedure followed now in MCCs will be continued
- f) Payments shall be made to the farmers' accounts directly by MPDOs based on recorded work.
- g) MPDOs along with HO shall be responsible for implementation of the programme at mandal level. ADH and PD, DWMA shall monitor the progress of the works at district level in monthly meetings with MPDOs, APOs and Horticulture officers and shall also physically inspect at least 25% of the units.

7. The total cost for implementing all the components of the project shall not exceed Rs.226.85 crores; of which Rs. 226.10 Cr shall be met from NREG funds. Commissioner Rural Development and Director Horticulture shall coordinate constantly for implementing the project as per the guidelines laid down as above.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(RD)

To
The Commissioner, Rural Development, AP, Hyderabad.
The Director, Horticulture Department, AP, Hyderabad.
The Project Officer, AP-MIP, Hyderabad.
All the District Collectors in the State.
All the PDs,DWMA in the State
All the Assistant Directors, Horticulture in the State
All the CEOs, ZP in the State

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